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U.S. DISTRICT COURT MID. DIST. TENN.

ALEXANDER L. BAXTER)))
٧.	Case No. 3:15- CV- 00019
SPENCER HARRIS, Et al.)

PIAINTIFF'S RESPONSE IN OPPOSITION TO. DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT

INTROduction

This is a 42 U.S.C. 1983 Civil Rights Complaint filed by Alexander L. Baxter, an immate presently incarcerated at the Trousdale Turner Correctional Complex (TTCC) located in Hartsville, Tennessee.

The plaintiff, acting prose, filed this action against Officers Spencer Harris and Brad Bracey, respectively, for the use of excessive force and failing to intervene, which violated the plaintiff's constitutional rights. In addition, the plaintiff invoked the Court's supplemental jurisdiction under Title 28, u.s.c., \$1367, for the criminal action of assault and/or aggravated assault.

The plaintiff seeks relief for compensatory damages in the amount of \$100,000; and for punitive damages in the amount of \$100,000; as well as for any special damages that the Honorable Court may find proper and just. The plaintiff has suffered serious physical injury, pain and suffering,

PERMANENT SCARRING, back injury, mental anguish, Emotional distress, personal humiliation, flashbacks, and a mysterious ailment that has entered the plaintiff's body since the attack. The plaintiff is in need of long-term treatment; and the plaintiff seeks accountability for his state law claim(s).

To the best of the plaintiff's understanding, Defendant Harris and Defendant Bracey have both filed a motion for summary judgment. Officer Harris seeks to have the case dismissed because "... Officer Harris' actions did Not constitute excessive force and no clearly established law holds that it does..." See: Document #99, Pg. Z.

Officer Bracey seeks to have the case dismissed because "...he lacked any meaningful opportunity to intervene..."

Document #99, Pg. Z. Both are claiming qualified immunity.

But the plaintiff submits that the defendants are not entitled to summary judgment because there are genuine issues of disputed facts that merit a trial.

Summary judgment for the defendants is also improper because the defendants have not complied with the plaintiff's discovery requests and the plaintiff has not completed discovery, have failed to establish the Necessary facts and sufficient evidence as Required by the Rules, and there exists no adequate evidentiary basis for it, that they are not immune from liability, that there claim and/or claims are barred by the rules

of RES judicata and collateral Estoppel, and that both Defendant Harris and Defendant Bracey have committed perjury and lor aggravated perjury before this Court and before the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals.

ARGUMENT

As a threshold matter, the plaintiff respectfully requests that his pleadings be "liberally construed" as is allowed by holding in the United States Supreme Court in Haines v. Kerner, 404 u.s. 519 (1972). As stated so eloquently in Jacobsen v. Filler, 790 t.zd:

distinguishes the pro se prisoner cases from the suit at bar. The leading fair natice prisoner cases, Hudson w. Harden, first acknowledged that in the ordinary civil case, the appellant's failure to respond by affidavit might have warranted the entry of summary judgment against. However, Hudson concluded that an exception should be made for a prisoner unrepresented by counsel who, because of the handicaps detention necessarily imposes upon a litigant. He probably would be unable to retain counsel even if he had the means to do so."

The Jacobsen decision went on to point out that, "The large numbers of unpublished decisions involving prisoners appearing in forma pauperis," as the plaintiff has done, "supports the decision that an inmate choice of self-representation is less than voluntary; and when that unwilling self-representation is coupled with further

obstacles placed in a prisoner's path by incarceration, for example, his limited access to legal materials, and to sources of proof, it seems inappropriate to apply the requirements of the summary judgment rule with less than strict liberalness."

It has been the plaintiffs position all along that the defendants have continued to erect procedural barriers, to use dilatory tactics, and to take advantage of the plaintiff's prose status. To that end, Haines in Kerner however requires the plaintiff's pleadings to be held to less than stringent standards required by an attorney, and allows his pleadings to be liberally construed.

a) There Are Genuine Issue Of Material Fact That Preclude The Granting Of Summary Judgment For The Defendants.

Summary judgment is to be granted only if the record before the court shows "that there is no issue as to any material fact and that the moving party is entitled to judgment as a matter of law."

Rule 560, Fed. R. Civ. P. A "material fact is one that "might affect the outcome of the suit under governing law." Anderson.

v. Liberty Lobby, JNC., 477 u.s. 242, 248; 106 S.Ct. 2505.

The affidavit, the declarations, and the pleadings of the plaintiff are in squarely contradictory facts to what the defendants are claiming. The facts as pleaded to, testified to, and sworn to by the plaintiff portray a completely needless use of force because the plaintiff had surrendered, had his hands raised in the air, was completely passive, did nothing to provoke any force, was sitting on the ground, frozen still, with his hands raised in the air.

The factual dispute is also material. Under governing law, "In order to determine whether or not qualified immunity applies in an excessive foace claim, the Court must engage in a two-step in quiry, addressing the following questions: (1) whether, considering the allegations in a light most favorable to the injured party, a constitutional right has been violated, and if so, (2) whether that right was clearly established. "Campbell v. City of Springboro, 700 F.3d 779 (6th Cir. 2012).

We have held that a police officer may be held liable for failing to intervene to protect a person from the excessive use of force under the Fourth Amendment if: "(1) the officer observed or had reason to know that excessive force would be or was being used, and (2) the officer had both the opportunity and the means to prevent the harm from occurring." Turner v. Scott, 119 F. 3d 425, 429 (6th Ciz. 1977).

In assessing claims of excessive use of force, courts apply an objective reasonableness standard, considering the severity of the crime at issue, whether the suspect posed an immediate threat to the safety of the officers or others, and whether the suspect was actively resisting arrest or attempting to evade arrest by flight. See: Campbell, 700 F.3d at 786-87. The plaintiff's complaint alleges that he hid in a basement to avoid arrest but was soon discovered by tlarris and Bracey as a canine searched the other side of the basement. Bracey was positioned behind the plaintiff, who sat on the ground with his arms in the air. These facts could support a finding that the

Officers were in no danger and that the plaintiff was neither actively resisting nor attempting to flee. Taken in a light most favorable to the plaintiff, the allegations thusly establish that excessive force was being used when the camine attacked, and that Bracey was in a position to observe the use of excessive force.

In addition to the above, and in sharp conflict to what the facts are as fabricated by the defendants, the plaintiff received more than "one" puncture wound, or a "scratch" as previously claimed. What the defendants have held back in discovery are the electronic images and/or the pictures of the plaintiff's wounds uploaded each day as the plaintiff received daily chromic care for his wounds while at the Metropolitan Davidson County sheriff's Office.

Obtaining that discovery has become that much more critical because the pictures, which don't lie, show a sharp contrast as pleaded by the defendants. Also, during the deposition, the plaintiff offered to take his shirt off to show counsel for defendants the permanent scares under the pit of his arm, but she declined. Counsel cannot just withhold discovery that relevant to the case, then raise it as a factual issue to get summary judgment. The evidence is in the electronic images first requested by the plaintiff back in March 2015, two-and-a-half years ago, the complete medical report, and the permanent scars on the plaintiff's body. It could also be in the testimony of the first responders, if granted.

The Next inquiry is whether the right to protection against the use of excessive force was clearly established at the time. "To determine whether a constitutional right is clearly established, we must look first to decisions of the Supreme Court, then to the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, our district, and finally to decisions of other circuits." Brown v. Lewis, 779 F.3d 401, 418-19 (6th Cir. 2015). A right is "clearly established" if its contours are "sufficiently clear that a reasonable officer would understand that when he is doing violates that right." Harris v. City of Circleville, 583 F.3d 356, 362-67 (6th Cir. 2009).

The right to be free from the Excessive use of force in the context of police comine units was clearly established by 2012, when in <u>Campbell</u> the <u>Court held that officers</u> who used an inadequately trained comine, without warning, to apprehend two suspects who were not fleeing, acted contrary to clearly established law. See: 700 F.3d at 789. The right to intervention to prevent the use of excessive force was also established. See: <u>Turner</u>, 119 7.3d at 429.

As the Sixth Circuit stated, "... Baxter had raised several issues of material fact that counseled against ... granting qualified immunity, whether Baxter had already rurrendered when the canine was released, whether Baacey could have intervened, and whether Bracey lied in his police Report summarizing the events of the arrest... " Both defendants, this time, have raised the strickly legal question of whether

the facts alleged in the complaint Establish a violation of a clearly established Fourth Amendment right to protection against the use of excessive force.

The Fourth Amendment protects persons from the use of excessive force by law enforcement officers in the course of an arrest, investigary detention or other seizure. Moreover, police use of force is almost always analyted under the Fourth Amendment "reasonableness" standard which governs "all claims that law enforcement have used excessive force in the course of an arrest." Braham v. Commer, 109 s.ct. 1865.

In addition to the above, qualified immunity is not possible when there are disputed facts that must be resolved in order to decide qualified immunity, or if one of the parties have pequested a jury trial. In such a situation, most court will submit the factual issues to the jury's factual findings.

The plaintiff sat on the ground, frozenstill, with his hands Raised in the air. Officer Harris stond in front of the plaintiff, while Officer Bracey stood behind. With both hands and both arms raised high in the air, the plaintiff was looking at both officers looking at him. All either officer had to do was put the handcuffs on the plaintiff. The plaintiff had completely surrendered. But with the plaintiff sitting passively on the ground the defendants waited until the canine unit joined them. As the plaintiff sat there with both hands raised another five or ten seconds passed before Officer Harris let the dog go. It was done sadistically, maliciously, intentionally and with malice. Summary judgment is improper.

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In addition to the above, personnel may be held liable for there failure to act if it results in a constitutional violation. Estelle v. Gamble, 97 s.ct. 285; Alexander v. Perrill, 916 t.zd 1392, 1395 (officials "can't just sit on your duff and not do anything" to prevent violations of rights); Lewis v. Mitchell, 416 t. Supp. 2d 935, 945 (a person may be held liable under 31983 if he "omits to perform an act which he is legally required to do that causes the deprivation of which plaintiff complains)." quoting Johnson v. Daffy, 588 t.zd 740, 743.

Finally, however, under the Fourth Amendment, a plaintiff NEED Not show malicious intent because the officers' state of mind is not important. The question is "whether the officers' actions are objectively reasonable' in light of the facts and circumstances confronting them, without regard to their underlying intent or motivation." Graham v. Connors, 490 U.S. 397.

b) Summary Judgment Should BE DENIED BECAUSE The HAVE NOT Defendants Provided Disclosures In Discovery.

Rule 26(b) (i) provides as follows: "Unless otherwise limited by court order, the scope of discovery is as follows: "Parties may obtain discovery regarding any nonprivilesed matter that is relevant to any party's claim or defense - including the existence, description, nature, custody, and location of any documents or other tangible things and the identity and locations of persons who know of any discoverable matter. For good cause, the court may order

discovery of any matter relevant to the subject matter involved in the action. Relevant information need not be admissible at the trial if the discovery appears reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible Evidence...

unaddition to the about, Rule 56(d) provides as follows:

"If a non-moving party shows by affidavit or declaration that,

for specified reasons, it cannot present facts essential to justify

its opposition, the court may: (1) defer considering the motion or

deny it; (2) allow time to obtain affidavits or declarations or

to take discovery; or (3) issue any other appropriate order."

ON or about March 31, 2015, the plaintiff first requested the following: "(1) Disclosure of any and all civilian complaint(6) made against the defendants, as well as disclosure of any and all incident report(5) of excessive force made against the defendants." This request was made in addition to the other discovery requests that were never disclosed.

On January 21, 2017, the plaintiff made the following request for disclosures: "(2) Produce and disclose any and all civilian complaint(s) made against the defendants. Such disclosure requests production of any and all personnel complaint(e) or report(e), disclosure and production of any and all misconduct report(e), name(e) and statement(s) of any and all witness(es), in addition to the finding(e) and result(e) and conclusion(e) of any report(s). This request should include disclosure and production of all complaints made against the defendants by the plaintiff, in addition to all supervisor responses made from the complaints."

Another request made by the plaintiff is as follows: "(7) Produce the complete medical file in the possession, custody and control of the Metropolitan Norhville Davidson County Sheriff's Office and its inmates' health care provider. Production should specifically include the electronic stored images (rictures) that were taken each time by digital camera and uploaded immediately into the computer system throughout the plaintiff's treatment, show pictures of the plaintiff's wounds as he received daily chronic care treatment for his injuries. The file should include the Names of all the nurses and staff who treated the plaintiff."

Be it two-and-a-half years ago, or just ten months ago, the defendants have not disclosed the requested materials, and both requests were made each time. Defendants' Response to Number 7 was as follows: "RESPONSE. As previously stated, the Defendants would not be the custodians of any such records, to the extent that they exist, or have any of the referenced documents in their possession."

A court should not grant summary judgment agaist a party who has not had an opportunity to pursue discovery or whose discovery requests have not been answered. Ingle v. Yelton, 439 F.3d 191, 194. "... Where the facts are in the possession of the moving party, a continuance of a motion for summary judgment should be granted as a matter of course." Costlow v. U.S. 552 F.2d 560

At first the defendants pleaded that the plaintiff received only minor injuries, or a "scratch", so the plaintiff was not entitled to any relief. Fast-forward to the present, now the defendants are pleading that all the plaintiff received was one puncture

wound. That in and of itself creates genuine issue of material fact.

The plaintiff received much more than just a scratch or only one puncture wound. After the plaintiff was treated and released from Meharry emergency, the plaintiff was transported by the police to the Criminal Justice Center (Coo). The plaintiff's entire left shoulder was bandaged, so the very next morning the plaintiff was called to the clinic to have the bandages changed. This procedure, the changing of the bandages, went on every single day for months. The pictures, in addition, were uploaded into the computer from the very first visit up and until months later when the plaintiff was cleared by the doctor to remove the bandages.

The defendants cannot withhold this relevant Evidence, and then try to use its deprivation thereof as support for summary judgment. Moreover, the plaintiff's account of the attack is in square conflict with the defendant's account. Summary judgment should not be granted.

disclose plaintiff's request #2, requesting prior histories.

Their response has been as follows: "Response: Objection.

The request is not relevant and is not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible information. There is no municipal liability claim against the Metrupolitan Government; the only claims are against the individual officers for this singular alteged use of excessive force. The officers' complaint histories are thus relevant. Further objection is made on the grounds that these Defendants would not be the custodians of

any such records, to the extent that they exist, or have any of the referenced documents in their possession. This request would more properly served on the Metropolitan Government through a subpoena."

To begin with, this will be a credibility issue, and there will be conflicting testimony. The plaintiff's account of the assault will be in sharp conflict with the defendants! The defendants, in addition, enjoy complete and unfettered access to the plaintiff's histories.

The existence of credibility issues and conflicting testimony requires the disclosure of this relevant material. The defendants are not entitled to summary judgment.

of RES judicate and collateral Estappel.

To the best of the plaintiff's understanding, RES judicata generally means you cannot bring a claim if there has already been a judgment on the merits of the same action by a court of competent jurisdiction. This Court, as well as the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, are Courts of competent jurisdiction.

Collateral Estoppel is the principle that a party cannot relitigate particular factual or legal issues which were litigated or decided in a prior decision. In other words, collateral estoppel serves to bar relitigating factual or legal issues that arose from the same occurrence. The plaintiff submits that the defense of qualified immunity is barred by the doctrines of res judicata and/or collateral estoppel.

The complaint was first filed on January 7, 2015, and on March 21, 2015, the Court entered its initial Order acknowledging receipt and granting application to proceed in forma pauperis. In that Order, the Court entered as follows: "... The plaintiff claims that on January 8, 2014, the defendants watched as a K-9 dog attacked him after he had surrendered to police. The alleged use of Excessive force by a police officer is actionable under 42 U.S.C. \$1983..."

An amended complaint deleting "John Doe" as a defendant and clarifying Officer Harris as the one who released the dog, and on April 17, 2015, the Court granted plaintiff's leave to amend. The defendants filed their answer to the amended complaint on July 24, 2015, and on July 24, 2015, also, Defendant Bracey filed his Motion to Dismiss. It was in that motion to dismiss is where the defense of qualified immunity began, and where Officer Bracey Raised the defense that "no clearly established Right" of the plaintiff had been violated. Now they want the Court to relitigate the same exact argument (defense) and grant summary judgment.

Document #37, Page 1: "... Officer Bracey moves for all claims against dismissed pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(4) because he is entitled to qualified immunity..." Officer Bracey also raised the defense that "... complaint does not Established that Officer Bracey's action violated any clearly established right of the plaintiffer."

The Court entered its Report & Recommendation on September 18, 2015, and on September 30, 2015, defendants filed their objection. In that pleading, located on Page Z, Defendant Bracey pleaded as follows: "... there is no clearly established law putting officer Bracey on notice that he could be deemed to violate the Fourth Amendment if he did not intervene in the release of a K-9 for whom he was not the handler..."

ON November 9, 7015 the Court entered its Order adopting the Report & Recommendation and denying defendants relief. It was on December 8, 2015, that Defendant Bracey filed his Notice of appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Document 66, Page 1: "Notice is here by given that Defendant Police Officer Brad Bracey appeals to the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit from the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit from the district court's Order Entered on November 9, 2015 that denied the Defendant's motion to dismiss based on the qualified immunity defenses."

on tebruary 11, 2016, Officer Bracey filed his original brief to the Sixth Circuit. In that brief Officer Bracey stated as follows: "II. Officer Bracey is entitled to qualified immunity because there is no existing precedent that clearly establishes his duty to intervention in the K-9 apprehension." Page 17, Case No. 15-6412, and also in his reply brief, filed March 3, 2016, Officer Bracey raised the same exact defense that he brings today.

But on August 30, 2016, the Sixth Circuit entered its Order Rejecting the defense raised by Officer Bracey and denying relief. Located on Page 4: "... The contours of a suspect's right to intervention to prevent a violent K-9 apprehension where officers were in no danger and the suspect was neither resisting nor fleeing were sufficiently clear that a reasonable Officer in Bracey's position would understand that doing nothing but watch a police canine attack would violate the suspect's constitutional rights. Under these circumstances, Bracey is not entitled to qualified immunity." Bayter v. Bracey, No. 15-6412 (6th Cir. 2016).

The mandate was issued on September 22, 2016.

The point the defendant avers is that the doctrines of RES judicata and/or collateral estopped bars relief for any defendant because there has already been a judgment on the merits of the same action by a court of competent jurisdiction. In addition, neither the defendants can relitigate factual or legal issues which have already been decided in a paior decision.

When the motion to dismiss was filed on July 24, 2015, Defendant Bracey asserted his right to do so. Defendant Harris chose, instead, not to do so. Officer Harris decision not to pursue qualified immunity or that he did not violate any clearly establish right of the plaintiff was a tactical decision and the doctrines of res judicata and for collateral estappel now bare Defendant Harris from relitigating the same issues again.

Additionally, when Defendant Bracey filed his motion to dismiss on July 24, 2015, Officer Bracey raised the same Exact defense with nearly the same Exact factual and legal issues that were rejected by this Court as well as by the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. Thusly, the doctrines of resjudicata and/or collateral Estoppel bar relief because there has already been a judgment on the merits of the action by not one, but two courts of competent jurisdiction.

d) Neither Defendant Harris wor Defendant Bracey is entitled to summary judgment because they both have committed perjury and/or aggravated perjury in their police reports, and their pleadings and declarations have been entered in bad faith.

Neither Defendant Harris nor Defendant Bracey is entitled to summary judgment because they both have committed perjury and/or aggravated perjury in their police reports, and their pleadings and/or declarations have been committed in bad faith. The following are statements taken from defendants' pleadings:

i) "... I deployed K-9 Iwo inside the basement of the residence..." "... I entered the location. K-9 Iwo found the suspect hiding behind a water heater and apprehended him..." "... K-9 Iwo located the suspect before I had a visual of where he was located..." "... I then commanded K-9 Iwo to release the suspect..." "... Officer Bracey came in the room and assisted in searching..." MNPD, supplemental Report, January 8, 2014, Spencer Hazris, Employee ID No. 468058, Incident # 14-0026705.

- 2) "... Upon my arrival, I went to the window and shouted the K-9 warning in the window and got no response from inside..."

 "... Officer Harris then got K-9 I wo and entered the basement..." "... Once inside K-9 I wo located the suspect.

 d could hear Officer Harris giving the suspect verbal
 commands to show his hands. Once the suspect complied
 it appeared all use of force ceased and I entered the
 basement. Officer Harris was standing next to the suspect
 holding K-9 I wo away from the suspect while the
 suspect was on his back..." MNPD Supplemental
 Report, January 8, 2014, Brad Bracey, Employee ID
 UZBALT, Incident No. 14-20705.
- basement while officer Bracey remained outside.

 Plaintiff remained hidden. Officer Bracey remained outside.

 Plaintiff remained hidden. Officer Bracey remained outside the basement until, based on Officer Harris's statements, it became evident that K9 Iwo had apprehend the Plaintiff and Plaintiff had surrendered. Upon entering the basement officer Bracey saw officer Harris holding K9 Iwo to Keep him away from Plaintiff. Officer Bracey never used any force on the Plaintiff and was not present when officer and K9 Iwo apprehended the Plaintiff..."

 Batter u Harris, No. 3:15-ev. 00019, Dawment #81, Page 2.
- 4) "... 10. After giving additional warnings, Officer Harris and K9 and Entered the building. K9 Ino entered first and them Officer Harris. While Officer Harris and K9 Ino entered the basement I remained outside the basement window..."

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 Document 81-1, Page 2. Declaration.

- 5) "... il. After hearing Officer Harris state that Plaintiff had surrendered I entered the basement ... " Boxter Vo Harris, No. 3:15-ev- 00019, Document 81-1, Page 2. Declarations
 - 6) "... 12. When I entered the basement officer Harris had control of k9 dwo and was keeping him away from the Plaintiff ... " Boxter & Bracey, No. 3:15-eu-00019, Document No. 81-1, Page Z. Declaration.
 - m) "... Plaintiff was lying on the floor. "Boxter v. Harris, No. 3:15- CV- 00019, DOCUMENT 81-1, Page Z. DEclaration.
 - 8) "... I NEVER USED any force on the Plaintiff and I was not present when officer Harris and K9 Iwo apprehended Plaintiff, I was outside ... " Baxter us Harris, No. 3:15-cu-00019, Document No. 81-1, Page 2. Declaration.

In the defendants motion for summary judgment, both Defendant Harris and Defendant Bracey pleaded as follows: " ... Officer Harris, as the K9 I wo's handler, released the dog into the basement. After following in dwo, Officers Harris and Bracey warily approached Bayter. At the time, Officer Bracey was positioned behind Baxter. I wo bit Baxter once and secured him until Officer Bracey could place Bayter in handcuffs ... " Boxter v. Harris, No. 3:15-cu-00019, Document 99, Page 1.

The plaintiff cannot locate any place in the Rules that allows a defendant to plead facts into the record of a federal court that are completely false, plead false facts into the RECORD of the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, make sworw declaration to false facts, then alter those facts in a SEH- SERVING, CONVENIENT MORRATIVE to obtain summary

Conclusion

Nearly four years ago the plaintiff was a homeless man, unemployed, sick, and living on the street at the time. It was January 8, 2014, and during the past 72 hours nightlime temperatures in Nashville had plunged to Near Zero. Daytime temps barely rose about freezing. There was know on the ground.

On the night before the incident the plaintiff hadslept but in the cold, and because of the frigid temperatures the plaintiff had nearly frozen to death. Early that morning the plaintiff had gone downtown as king for help. Once the plaintiff arrived at this resource office he was given some food and allowed to sit in the waiting area. for a few hours to warm up. Plaintiff was given a case manager.

But eventually the plaintiff had to leave. The cruel reality is that the plaintiff had no money, no place to go, and the Rough night before as well as the difficult walk downtown had taken a tall on the plaintiffs body. And it was cold outside, freezing cold, so it didn't take long for the pain to return and frostbite take over.

Perhaps it doesn't matter much to some the plaintiff would like the Court to know that he is extremely remorseful and extremely shameful of his life. Yet even though there was No violence involved, nobody hurt, nobody threatened, no property damage done at all, and the few things taken, like the unopened bottle of pack Daniels whiskey, all were immediately returned to their owners, the plaintiff was given a difficult sentence for his crime. Every year becomes more difficult when one's approaching their sixtieth birthday.

But where the criminal action ends, the civil action begins. When Officer Harris and Officer Bracey located the plaintiff they positioned themselves around the plaintiff - one was in front and the other was behind. Although the plaintiff had already surrendered, they allowed the kq to run from the other side of the basement. Defendant Harris grabbed the kq by the collar, and as it was barking and rearing up they looked back and forth at each other. There was some kind of Communication going on between them.

When Officer Harris finally let the Kage, all it had to do was lung and it was on the plaintiff. It latched on to the plaintiffs underarm and it wouldn't let go. It started jecking its head back and forth. Officer Bracey at one point sorta stepped backwards some to allow the dog better access. The officers totally ignored the screams and

pleas coming from the plaintiff. Officer Bracey made wo attempt to tell the other officer to remove the dog or to stop what was going on. And they let the dog stay on the plaintiff for an extended period of time, as they stood and watched.

It was a huge German Shepard dog, and it snatched the plaintiff around like a haggard ragdoll. When officer Harris removed the dog the plaintiff caught a glimpse. The dog's teeth, gums and snout was thick with the plaintiff open under-plaintiff's blood. It ripped the plaintiff open under-neath his armpit, yet the defendants continue to tell the Court that all plaintiff received was a "scratch" or "ONE puncture wound."

permanent scars on the plaintiff's own testimony, the permanent scars on the plaintiff's body, the Meharry Haspital emergency room report, the plaintiff's medical file from January B, 2014, up and until his chronic care ended at the Metropolitan Nashville Davidson County Sheriff's office, the electronically stored images from Doso, the police report filed by West Precinct Detective Anthony Chandler which includes a "Summary of Unterview with officer Spencer Harris, the "Use of Unterview with officer Spencer Harris, the "Use of Force" report filed by canine Sgt. Spencer Harris, the "Use of Force" report filed by Officer Spencer

Harris, the "Use of Force" Report filed by Officer Brad Bracey, the audio CD made of the plaintiff by Detective Chandler, and more.

Summary judsment should be respectfully denied.

tespectfully submitted, the Silvert 11-3-17 Ma. Alexander L. Bretan, prose.

Certificate of Service

I, Alexander L. Baxter, do hereby certify that a true and exact copy of the foregoing has been forwarded, by u.s. mail, to:

Melissa Roberge & Keli Oliver 108 metro Courthouse P. D. Box 196300 Nashville, TN 37219-6300

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE

ALEXANDER L. BAXTER

No. 3: 15-eu-00019

SPENCER HARRIS, Et al.

STATEMENT OF DISPUTED FACTS DECLARATION

I, Alexander L. Boxter, acting under penalty of perjury, do hereby affirm and make declaration to the following disputed facts:

- D That Officer Harris filed a false police report;
- 2) That Officer Bracey filed a false police report;
- 3) That the plaintiff was not lying down;
- 1) That when Officer Harris and Officer Bracey located the plaintiff, the plaintiff was sitting on the ground, frozen still, with his hands raised in the air;
 - 3) That the plaintiff had completely surrendered;
- 6) That the plaintiff was passively complying with the officers' commands;
- That the plaintiff did Nothing to provoke any force;

- 8) That there were no bites on the plaintiff's arms, no bites on the plaintiff's less, no bites on hands narany other bite or scratch anywhere else on the plaintiff's body, except under the pit of his arm. That's because the plaintiff was sitting on the ground, frozen still, completely surrendered with his hands raised high in the air when officer Harris released the dog;
 - 9) That the plaintiff was bit more than once under the pit of his arm;
 - (0) That the plaintiff has permanent scals under his
 - i) That after the attack the plaintiff received daily chronic care for his injuries;
 - 12) That, as a result of the attack, there exists a medical file in possession of the Metropolitan Davidson County Sheriffle Office that lists the wames of all the nurses and doctors who treated plaintiff;
 - 13) That, beginning on January 8, 2014, there Exists electronically stored images (pictures) uploaded into the computer system at Dosd and its inmater' health care provider;
 - 14) That Officer Bracey did not handouff the plaintiff but instead had to carry plaintiff to the window to waiting officers who placed handouffs on the plaintiff

once plaintiff was both pushed and pulled through the window and placed on the ground outside;

15) That Officer Harris saw plaintiffs hands raised in the air; and

16) That Officer Harris knew plaintiff had surrendered before he released the dog.

Espectfully submitted,

Mr. Alexander L. Briter, 710 SE.

Hill by Hill v. Miracle, 853 F.3d 306, 312 (6th Cir. 2017) (internal quotation marks omitted). As Bracey points out, Def.'s Resp. pp. 2-4, that is all he did.

Further, Bracey averred that he was not even in the basement when the alleged attack occurred. Therefore, under Rule 56, there remains a genuine issue of material fact as to whether he violated plaintiff's constitutional rights. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED that plaintiff's motion for summary judgment is denied.

s/ Bernard A. Friedman BERNARD A. FRIEDMAN SENIOR UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE SITTING BY SPECIAL DESIGNATION

: May 18, 2017 Detroit, Michigan



Investigative Supplement Report

Incident Number: 2014-0026705

Offence / Classification: Burglary/K-9 Apprehension

Reporting Detective: Charles K. Taylor

Date: 01/18/14

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On 01/08/14, I responded to a K-9 Apprehension involving a burglary suspect at 2110 Portland Ave. Once I arrived on the scene I spoke with patrol officers who directed me to an ambulance with the suspect Alexander Baxter. I mirandized the suspect before asking him questions. I asked him several question regarding the k-9 apprehending him, why was he caught breaking into the house. Mr. Baxter told me that he was a thief and would not hurt anybody. I explained to him that there were witnesses that saw him go inside the victim's home, even saw him enter the victim's vehicle. Mr. Baxter nodded his head as if he understood what I was saying. Mr. Baxter told me that he was homeless and was just trying to get some stuff to sell on the street. Mr. Baxter told me that he was trying to get enough money to get a room somewhere. The interview was recorded and given to Det. Chandler. (See CD for further details.)

While I was in the ambulance with Mr. Baxter I observed wounds he took from the K-9 apprehension. I observed a long scratch on his left shoulder, two small puncture wounds in his arm pit area.

Det. Charles K. Taylor

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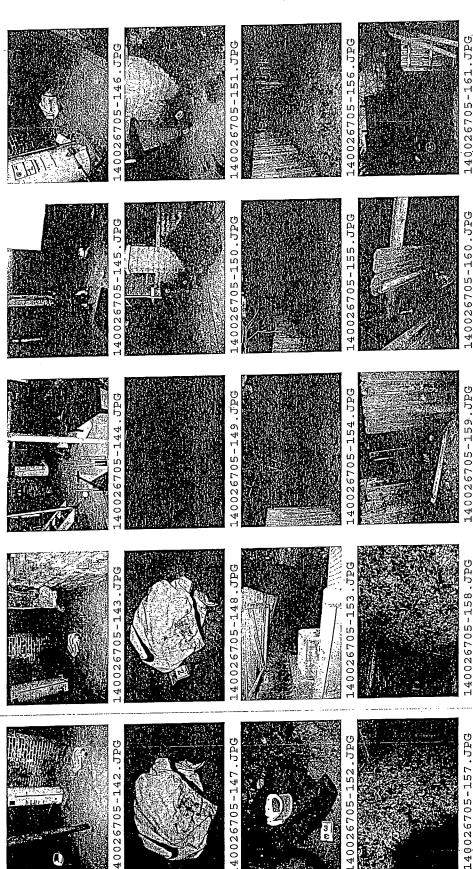
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Metropolitan Nashville Police Department **West Precinct**



SUPPLEMENT REPORT

CASE # 2014-0026705

VICTIM: Connerth, Peter

OFFENSE: Aggravated Burglary

REPORT DATE: 01/13/2014

On 01/08/2014 I responded to 2111 Fairfax Ave to begin investigating a K-9 apprehension. The suspect was charged with aggravated burglary, attempted motor vehicle theft, and possession of burglary tools. Also recovered from the scene was a gray bag that contained items that have been confirmed as stolen from a second burglary. As part of the investigation into the burglary I interviewed K-9 officer Spencer Harris. I also briefly spoke to the suspect Alexander Baxter. Baxter's interview was conducted by Detective Kevin Taylor. The interview was recorded.

Summary of Interview with Officer Spencer Harris

Harris responded to the area of Fairfax Ave and Calhoun Ave to assist with the apprehension of a suspect from an aggravated burglary. The suspect had been followed by the witness who originally made the call for service. While speaking with officers on the phone aviation was able to locate the suspect as he attempted to flee the scene. The suspect was observed by aviation running between the residences at 2111 Fairfax Ave and 2113 Fairfax Ave. The suspect was not observed exiting the area. Aviation did observe the suspect remove his jacket prior to running between the houses. K-9 officer Brad Bracey and Spencer Harris arrived at the 2111 Fairfax Ave. Patrol officers had been in the area and the suspect had not exited the area that he was observed running into by aviation. Officer Bracey and Officer Harris entered the area between the residences, and observed a jersey on the ground near an entrance to the basement of 2111 Fairfax Ave. The ground around the entrance had been disturbed and the dirt was kicked away from the entrance. Officer Bracey and Harris both made an announcement "Metro police K-9 come out or a dog will be used to find you".. Officer Harris retrieved his partner K-9 IWO. Iwo was placed in the basement and found the suspect attempting to hide behind a water heater. The suspect was bitten in the upper torso near his left armpit. The suspect had to been told to show his hands, which he eventually complied to this verbal command. Officer Harris ordered his partner K-9 IWO to disengage from the suspect after his hands were in view and the suspect was complying. Officer Bracey joined Officer Harris in the basement and assisted in searching the suspect for weapons. The suspect was then handed over to patrol officers to be placed into

Summary of interview with Alexander Baxter

Alexander Baxter was interviewed by Detective Taylor. Baxter would not admit to the burglary during the interview Baxter did state that he was a thief who would not hurt anyone. Baxter would not state anymore facts about the incident.

I responded to 2111 Fairfax Ave to observe the apprehension location. There was a jersey that was on the ground near the air condition unit. The dirt was disturbed around the entrance to the basement, and the opening had been opened. On the other side of 2111 Fairfax Ave there was a jacket and a baseball hat that was on the ground near the bushes. These items matched the description of the items being worn by the suspect as he fled. ID officer Matson photographed and collected the clothing that was found outside the house. Officer Matson also photographed and collected the t-shirt from inside the basement were the apprehension occurred.

Detective Anthony Chandler West Precinct

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AUTHORIZATION TO DISCLOSE MEDICAL INFORMATION OR RECORDS

By signing below, I hereby request and authorize NASHV/CLL GENERAL HOSP/TAL ("Health Care Provider") to disclose any and all medical information and records, or true and correct copies thereof, in its possession, custody, or control, including, but not limited to, medical histories, records, reports, summaries, diagnosis, prognoses, records of treatment and medication ordered and/or given, entries, letters or correspondence to other physicians, electrocardiograms, x-ray films and reports, laboratory data and records, incident reports, birth certificates, death certificates, and all other written or graphic data prepared, kept, made, or maintained in its possession, custody, or control and summaries of injuries, treatment, and prognosis, if requested (the "Health Information"), that pertain to Alexander Baxter. I understand that the Health Information may include information relating to psychological or psychiatric impairments, drug abuse, alcoholism, sickle cell anemia, or HIV infection.

I authorize the Health Care Provider to disclose the Information to Keli J. Oliver, Assistant Metropolitan Attorney, or his/her representative, the Metropolitan Department of Law, or to any representative, attorney, or investigators from said department. I understand that I am not required to sign this Authorization. The Health Care Provider will not condition treatment, payment, enrollment, or eligibility for benefits on whether I sign this Authorization.

This authorization will expire upon the final resolution of the civil matter involving Spencer Harris, Brad Bracey and Alexander Baxter, District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee, Docket No. 3:15-cv-19. I understand that I may revoke this Authorization at any time prior to the expiration date or event, but that my revocation will not have any effect on the actions taken by the Health Care Provider, its employees, or agents before they received my revocation. Should I desire to revoke this Authorization, I must send written notice to the Health Care Provider at this address.

A photocopy, fax, or electronically transmitted version of this release shall have the same force and effect as the original.

I understand that the Information may be subject to disclosure by the recipient and may no longer be protected by federal privacy regulations.

Signature of Alexander Baxter

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MEMORANDUM:

TO:

Clerk, U.S. District Court

FROM:

Alexander Baxter, Case No. 3:15-0019

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September 18, 2017

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To: Steve Anderson, Chief of Police
Metropolitax Narhville Police Department
200 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TH 37201

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From: Alexander L. Briter, OCA #68360 Davidson County Sheriff's Office P.C. Box 196383 Nashville, TN 37219

REE Citizen complaint / Administrative Appeal / Excessive Force

Dear Chief Anderrow,

Please be advised that I am in Receipt of a letter from K-9 5gt. Chair warner, dated April 9, 2014, exonerating Officer Hazris at this level of this complaint. Pursuant to the Prison Mailbox Rule, the letter was received by me on April 29, 2014. This timely response follows. The reply submitted by 5gt. Warner failed to mention assecond officer the reply submitted by 5gt. Warner failed to mention assecond officer present who participated and/or acquieced and/or failed to intervene to stop a malicious and deliberate K-9 assault and attack. The complaint is against both officers.

Please be further advised that this correspondence represents an exhaustive appeal in this action. Once again, it was called a K-9 applieshension, yet there were no bites on my legs, no bites on my carres, nor were there any bites on my hands or any other part of my body. The only bites I had were under the pit of my arm. That's because I was completely surrounded, at gunpoint, sitting on the ground frozen still with my hands raised in the air. The response found such actions to be "... consistent with mater Police."

Submitted RESPECTFULLY,

Mr. Alexander L. Bayter

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February 7, 2014 Office of Professional Responsibility of MNPD 1417 Murfresborg &de Noshulle, TN 37219 Alexander L. Baxter # 65360 P.O. BOX 196383 Washrile, TN 37219 RE: Complaint for Use of Excessive Force wil Servicus Bodily Injury Please find enclosed my Sworn Declaration making outh to the facts is have listed therein. I will admit that it was and hide in the basement of a house, but it was during broad daylight with windows uncovered all around. Officers came into the basement and I saw the dos running around free, but once they found me the dag went to the K-9 Afficer. As I sot on the ground with my hands raised in the air, the K-9 offices deliberately released to dog to ottack me. Then he stood and watched as the dog ripped my flesh open. Dose got pictures. I was apprehended, in the beam of their flashlights with my hands raised highly the size There was no prosenable meason to release the days and it was not justified by any legitimate purpose. To release the dog them should match as it attacked me usas maliscions and sudistic and, I believe, usas a seinimal act In closing, please allowing to thank you for your time and ettertion to this matter. I have weller contacted the office of Postessional Beconnectify before, so mould you please let me

Know the correct procedure Thank to again, and I will lock form from your of your earliest possible ancience.

Lam requesting to be compensated and the

officers paralled.

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SWURN AFFIDAUIT OF ALEXANDER L. BAKTER

I Alexander L. Boxter, acting under panalty of perjorys do hereby swear, affirm and make outh to the following:

- 1) That on January 8, 2014, I was arrested by officers of the Nasleille Police Depostment (MNDD);
- 2) That during the arrest, I was attacked by a K. ? dog released by MNPD officers;
- 3) That during the arrest I was completely supported, at gumpeint, yet while I sot on the ground, frezenstill, with my hands raised in the air, a MNPD efficer released the day to attack me after & had surrendened, causing the dog to lunge at me and bitting me under my armpit;
- 4) That I received serious bodily injury while MNPD stood and watched as the dog attacked me.

Algh J. Byth 2-21-13

Notary Public

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the 27th day of

My commission Expers;

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Alexander L. Baxter #145056 140 Macon Way Hartsville, TN 37074



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